

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 26-38 are pending after entry of this amendment. Claim 25 has been cancelled. Claims 26-31 have been amended, and claims 32-38 have been newly added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to cite the patent number of the now issued patent for the parent application and change the title of the invention.

The acceptance of the drawings is noted.

Claims 26 and 29-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of base claim 25 and to clarify the fibers are capable of elongating in the event that concrete is poured into the enclosure. Contrary to the Examiner's contention, it is unnecessary to recite an active step of pouring concrete. The capability for elongation of the fibers in the event that concrete is poured into the enclosure sufficiently defines the fibers and the shell. The method of claim 26 is manufacturing a stay-in-place composite shell. Claims 29-31 have been similarly amended to clarify the fibers. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 25 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,328,142 (*Weekers*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,900,383 (*Dursch et al.*). Claim 25 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 27 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,328,142 (*Weekers*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,900,383 (*Dursch et al.*), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,629,529 (*Kadunce*).

Claim 27 has been amended to depend on claim 26, which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, but would be allowable if the rejection is overcome. Because the Section 112 rejection should be withdrawn for the reasons noted above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 27 is patentable over the references of record.

Claim 28 has been objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response to the Examiner's request, claim 28 has been rewritten. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

New claims 32-38 are added to include claim coverage to which the applicant believes it is entitled. Claims 32-38 depend from claim 26, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable for the reasons described above for claim 26.

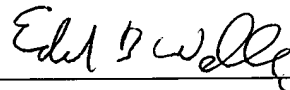
For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in an allowable form, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 07-1896, referencing docket number 2102455-900410.

Respectfully submitted,

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